

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7, 9, 16-19, and 22, without waiver or prejudice.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted concurrently with a new divisional application claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/814,425, filed March 21, 2001. Claims 1-7, 16-19, and 22, which were elected in the parent case in response to a restriction, are canceled in this preliminary amendment. Claim 9 was canceled in the parent case. Claims 8, and 10-15 remain pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request consideration of all pending claims.

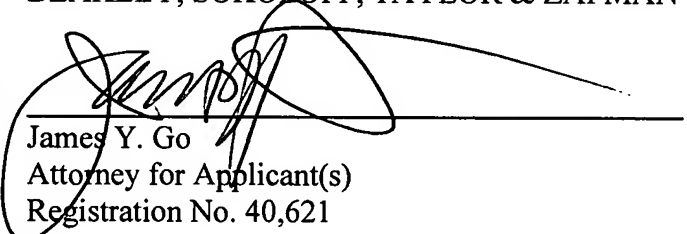
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